TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



HB 3489 - SB 3365

February 7, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a person from slaughtering a horse if that person knows or should know than any of the meat will be used for human consumption. Prohibits the possession, import, export, sale, purchase, gift, holding, or receipt of any horse meat if a person knows or should know the horse meat will be used for human consumption. Creates a Class C misdemeanor for the knowing violation of this section. Exempts noncommercial, recreational, and sporting activities. Exempts existing laws related to horse taxes or zoning. Exempts the processing of food producing animals other than horses.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Agriculture, there is currently no slaughtering or selling of horse meat in Tennessee.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local governments to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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